

## Calendar No. 239

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 966****[Report No. 110–109]**

To enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of  
passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2007

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BIDEN) in-  
troduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Com-  
mittee on Foreign Relations

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Reported by Mr. BIDEN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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**A BILL**

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purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of State  
5 Crisis Response Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE ANNUITANTS.**

2 Section 61(a) of the State Department Basic Au-  
3 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2733(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “To facilitate”  
5 and all that follows through “, the Secretary” and  
6 inserting “The Secretary”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2008” and  
8 inserting “2010”.

9 **SEC. 3. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNU-**  
10 **ITANTS.**

11 Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980  
12 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “to facili-  
14 tate” and all that follows through “Afghanistan,”;  
15 and

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2008” and  
17 inserting “2010”.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

19 *This Act may be cited as the “Passport Backlog Reduc-*  
20 *tion Act of 2007”.*

21 **SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNU-**  
22 **ITANTS.**

23 Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22  
24 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; or”  
2           and inserting a semicolon;

3           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
4           period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
6           subparagraph—

7           “(C)(i) to provide assistance to consular posts  
8           with a substantial backlog of visa applications; or

9           “(ii) to provide assistance to meet the demand  
10          resulting from the passport and travel document re-  
11          quirements set forth in section 7209(b) of the Intel-  
12          ligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004  
13          (Public Law 108–458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note).”;

14          (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
15          graph (4); and

16          (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
17          lowing new paragraph:

18          “(3) The authority of the Secretary to waive the appli-  
19          cation of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant pur-  
20          suant to paragraph (1)(C) shall terminate on September  
21          30, 2010.”.

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